

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

CHRISTOPHER COOPER,	:	
	:	Civil Action No. 11-1272 (NLH)
Petitioner,	:	
	:	
v.	:	<b>MEMORANDUM OPINION</b>
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WARDEN DONNA ZICKEFOOSE,	:	
	:	
Respondent.	:	

**APPEARANCES:**

Petitioner pro se  
Christopher Cooper  
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**HILLMAN**, District Judge

Petitioner Christopher Cooper, a prisoner confined at the Federal Correctional Institution at Fort Dix, New Jersey, has filed a Petition for writ of habeas corpus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging a prison disciplinary proceeding.

The filing fee for a petition for writ of habeas corpus is \$5.00. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 54.3(a), the filing fee is required to be paid at the time the petition is presented for filing. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 81.2(b), whenever a prisoner submits a petition for writ of habeas and seeks to proceed in forma pauperis, that petitioner must submit (a) an affidavit setting forth information which establishes that the petitioner is unable to pay the fees and costs of the proceedings, and (b) a certification signed by an authorized

officer of the institution certifying (1) the amount presently on deposit in the prisoner's prison account and, (2) the greatest amount on deposit in the prisoners institutional account during the six-month period prior to the date of the certification. If the institutional account of the petitioner exceeds \$200, the petitioner shall not be considered eligible to proceed in forma pauperis. Local Civil Rule 81.2(c).

Petitioner did not prepay the \$5.00 filing fee for a habeas petition as required by Local Civil Rule 54.3(a), nor did Petitioner submit an application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. In Petitioner's cover letter, dated February 22, 2011, and received by this Court on March 3, 2011, Petitioner stated that the \$5.00 filing fee was being sent under separate cover. More than 30 days have passed since that cover letter and petition were received, and no filing fee has yet been received.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Clerk of the Court will be ordered to administratively terminate the Petition without prejudice. Petitioner will be granted leave to move to re-open within 30 days, by either prepaying the filing fee or submitting a complete application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

An appropriate Order will be entered.

At Camden, New Jersey

/s/ Noel L. Hillman  
Noel L. Hillman  
United States District Judge

Dated: May 2, 2011